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SUBJECT: Editorial Views on Dutch Troops Transiting U.S. Airports

The enclosed editorials, published February 5 in the Djakarta dailies Suluh Indonesia and Merdeka, are indicative of the emotions aroused here by news that Dutch troops had transited U.S. airports en route to West New Guinea.

These editorials appeared before it became public knowledge that the Dutch charter flight in question had not been carried out with the approval of the United States Government and that subsequent flights of a similar nature would not be allowed.

Compared to other segments of the local press, Suluh Indonesia and Merdeka may be regarded as relatively moderate papers. The former is the official organ of the Indonesian Nationalist Party (PNI), while the latter inclines to the PNI viewpoint and often reflects Foreign Department views on international matters.

For the Ambassador:

Rolland H. Bushner (pm)

Rolland H. Bushner
Counselor of Embassy for Political Affairs

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- 5 thermofaxed copies of translation from Suluh Indonesia dated February 5, 1962.
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SUBJECT: Comments By East Java Army Commander Colonel Surachman

The reporting officer and his wife paid informal calls on Colonel and Mrs. SURACHMAN at their home in Malang on January 15 and February 1, 1962. During the first visit, only the Surachmans were present, but the second time they were joined by Lt. Colonel and Mrs. ABDULLAH, head of the East Java Financial and Economic War Administration (FINEC) and Surachman's aide, Lieutenant SUWARNO. On both occasions the Surachmans were very cordial and spoke freely and openly.

When asked about the visit of the Soviet Military Attache Colonel SHITIKOV to East Java in late January, Surachman said that this had been the first Russian guest he had ever received. He also said that this was Shitikov's first visit to East Java, although he had been in Indonesia for three years. Surachman commented that Shitikov had previously been "afraid" to come to his area. Later in the conversation, Surachman said that the Russians wanted to send instructors to work with the Army in East Java, but that he didn't believe this to be necessary, since the Army had only received small arms from the Soviet Union. He complained that the Soviet arms weighed too much for the Indonesians. Surachman said that in late January he had talked with the Foreign Minister, Dr. SUBANDRIO, (presumably by telephone) who had asked about opening a Soviet Consulate in Surabaya. Surachman said that he had told Subandrio that he would "think about it".

Surachman said that he had a plan for increasing the number of doctors and engineers in Indonesia by decreasing the amount of time required to train them. He bemoaned the fact that many doctors in Indonesia are Chinese, and said, "Speaking frankly, I don't like Chinese because of their ideology." He also said that the temporary Chinese Communist Consul (he stressed the word temporary) in Surabaya had approached him about extending his stay in East Java. Surachman said that he replied that he (Surachman) "would take care of any unfinished business". To this reply the Chinese Consul only smiled.

Surachman said that his trip to Djakarta on January 21 had been postponed until February because "the General is very busy at this time". He added that he did not like to visit Djakarta because everyone is always "talking politics". He noted that one hears many "war" stories in Djakarta. In discussing his language proficiency, Surachman admitted that he was more fluent in Dutch than Indonesian, because his education had been in Dutch schools, and said that he was very careful when talking to President Sukarno because the President became very angry if Surachman made mistakes in using the Indonesian language.

Robert S. Black
American Consul

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March 1, 1962

Dear Congressman Karsten:

I am writing in reply to your communication of February 12 enclosing a letter and newspaper clipping from Mr. Leo J. Hickey of St. Louis, Missouri. In his letter Mr. Hickey comments on our aid to Indonesia and related matters.

The United States has been making every effort to encourage Indonesia and the Netherlands to reach an acceptable peaceful solution to their dispute over the West New Guinea territory. To this end we are giving strong support to the current efforts being made by the Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations to bring the two parties together by negotiations.

The United States decision concerning the Dutch transit flights which was taken prior to the attack on our Embassy in Djakarta by a student group, relates only to Dutch aircraft chartered by the Dutch Government for the exclusive purpose of transporting Dutch troops to West New Guinea. It does not affect the Dutch transport of unarmed military personnel abroad scheduled commercial aircraft on normal routes. For this purpose the Dutch have regularly utilized space abroad KLM flights on the Amsterdam-Anchorage-Tokyo-Biak route.

Our decision was made in the belief that such movements of troops would jeopardize the prospective negotiations between the two parties at a time when the whole situation over West New Guinea is in very delicate balance. In the interest of achieving a peaceful solution to the problem it was decided, for the time being, not to permit such flights. Should negotiations be broken off or should a military emergency arise in West New Guinea and the Dutch request United States transit rights, we would, of course, consider the matter anew in the light of the situation then existing.

I am

The Honorable
Frank M. Karsten,
House of Representatives.

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Respectfully,

For the Secretary of State:


Frederick G. Dutton
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:

From Mr. Hickey.


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Honorable Dean Rusk

Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

For the information and consideration
of the Department of State I am enclosing a letter
I have received from Mr. Leo J. Hickey, 3427
Washington Boulevard, St. Louis 3, Missouri.

Please return Mr. Hickey's communication
with your reply.

Sincerely yours,

Frank M. Karsten

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SUBJECT: Labor - ILO Views on New Guinea

In a conversation on February 14, Mr. J. G. van Wouwe, Secretary for International Affairs of the ILO (socialist) trade union federation, stated that his organization was in general satisfied with the Government's present New Guinea policy. He said that the Government has finally come around to realizing what the ILO and Labor Party had been advocating for the last few years--that the Netherlands had no future in New Guinea and must liquidate its position there. He indicated that the ILO's main objection at this point centered on Foreign Minister Luns, whom he described as temperamentally incapable of negotiating successfully with the Indonesians. He added, however, that the ILO was encouraged by indications that Ambassador van Rooijen would play a major role in any negotiations.

In a brief reference to the problem of chartered troop planes, Van Wouwe said that while he appreciated that it was to everyone's advantage for the United States to remain on good terms with Indonesia, the refusal of landing facilities had been an unfriendly act toward the Netherlands.

COMMENT: Two interesting conclusions can be drawn from Van Wouwe's comments. First, despite changes in Government policy which the ILO considers favorable, their attitude toward Foreign Minister Luns remains as unfriendly as ever. Second, the fact that someone like Van Wouwe--who would be willing to see all troops pulled out of New Guinea--condemns the U.S. action on chartered troop planes, indicates how widespread the unpopularity of that action was.

Approved:

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Howard P.
Following are pertinent excerpts Amb Jones' report his conversation with Sukarno morning Feb 20:

In hour and half informal coffee session alone with President Sukarno this morning he made it unmistakably clear that he was not prepared to move forward on WNG question in way Kennedy has asked.

On other hand, Sukarno appealed to US Government to be "more assertive" on WNG issue.

"Give me one positive thing I can go back to my people with to show them where America stands" he said. "America says we are friends with both sides." This is not the America I know historically. This is not the America of the revolution or ~~the~~ America of Abraham Lincoln. The WNG question is a question of right or wrong. The America I know has always stood for what it thought was right regardless of consequences."

President did not commit himself on Pope matter but neither did he back away from previous position. I appealed to him not to let personal pique affect his attitude on questions important to US-Indonesian relations as well as to personal relations between presidents of the fourth and fifth largest nations in world.

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I presented to him handwritten letter from Attorney General thanking him for his hospitality written just before plane takeoff.

He commented he could not understand why humanitarian considerations should be so important in Pope case when American justice executed people by gas or electric chair without considering feelings of their families. I indicated question had now become question of good faith between two presidents, that he understood political realities, that if issue got to floor of Congress and on front pages of newspapers it would not only result in embarrassment of administration which not responsible but as case became cause celebre would make it more difficult for us to be helpful in WNG affair. I emphasized that these were two completely separate questions; there was not and could not be any element of trading involved on either side. Practical fact, however, was that US press was already urging administration to take Dutch side in WNG affair as result of demonstrations against Embassy in Djakarta and Consulate in Surabaya. Furor over Pope case could only result in ~~exacerbation~~ ^{exacerbation} this feeling something I was convinced none of us wanted and which could be injurious to important causes. I urged President to look ahead to future, consider Pope case in this light think about tremendous possibilities for cooperation between our two countries after WNG issue had been settled as I was confident it would be settled.

Sukarno then turned to West Irian question. Indicating he regarded our conversation up to this moment as primarily personal and unofficial, said he had something official to convey.

"I am not satisfied with merely an agenda item on subject transfer of administration to WNG," he said. "I want to be clear on that."

I said I assumed he was saying what he had said before that he wanted assurances that Dutch

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that Dutch were willing to negotiate in good faith on this issue.

"Not only that," he replied. "I want a clear understanding that the purpose of the meeting is to negotiate the basis of transfer of administration to Indonesia. I ~~will~~ will not settle simply for an item on the agenda. The Bob Kennedy proposal is not satisfactory."

Sukarno made this statement just as aide signalled him other visitors were waiting and he rose, indicating time interview was at end. Consequently I had no opportunity to probe further as to what he meant although statement on its face appeared to be repetition of what Sukarno had said Sunday as reported paragraph 6, Embtel 1487 to ^{rpt The Hague 709.} Dept. As such it would represent slight whittling down of his final position as we understood it at end of conversation.

It may have been just as well this statement was made, perhaps deliberately, at end of interview. Sukarno was not in his best mood, said he had only four hours sleep. Had we discussed point further he might have committed himself in wrong direction to greater extent than we or he would desire.

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I MADE STRONG PITCH TO FONMIN SUBANDRIO YESTERDAY ON SUBJECT OF DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST EMBASSY AND CONSULATES, STRESSING THAT GOI IN PERMITTING THESE TO TAKE PLACE WAS HURTING ITSELF FAR MORE THAN IT WAS HURTING US. I SAID IT WAS TIME GOI ACCEPTED ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROTECTION DIPLOMATIC GUESTS IN COUNTRY AND FAILURE TO DO SO WAS RESULTING IN REAL LOSS OF FACE ABROAD.

CALLING HIS ATTENTION TO RECENT EDITORIALS IN US PRESS AND REMINDING HIM OF STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL KENNEDY TO EFFECT THAT INDONESIA'S FRIENDS IN US WERE BEING PLACED ON DEFENSIVE, I READ TO HIM EXCERPTS FROM PERSONAL LETTERS RECEIVED RECENTLY. ONE SUCH, FROM COLLEGE CLASSMATE WHO RECENTLY CANCELLED PLANNED VISIT TO INDONESIA, INCLUDED STATEMENT: "I WONDER IF INDOS REALIZE HOW MUCH FACE THEY HAVE LOST IN US BY RECENT STONING OF US EMBASSY. IF THE DUTCH HAD ENGINEERED THE WHOLE PROCEEDINGS, THEY COULD NOT HAVE DONE A BETTER JOB."

FORMIN LOOKED AGHAST AT THIS, APPARENTLY HAD NOT REALIZED FULL IMPLICATIONS OF NEGATIVE IMPACT ON US OPINION GENERATED BY SUCH IRRESPONSIBILITY. HE PLEADED DIFFICULTY RESTRAINING LEFTIST GROUPS, ACKNOWLEDGED DEMONSTRATIONS MADE HIS OWN JOB MUCH HARDER, PROMISED TO DO HIS UTMOST TO PREVENT FURTHER ACTS OF VIOLENCE IN FUTURE.

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Mr. Frederick G. Dutton
Assistant Secretary of State
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dutton:

✓ Enclosed is a letter I have received from Kendall
Green, of Bethel, Kansas, in which he presents a number
of questions regarding Indonesia.

I would appreciate receiving any information you
can give which would prove helpful in answering the ques-
tions outlined by this student.

Yours very truly,

Bill Avery
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